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MEMORANDUM TO:

SUBJECT   :   Suggestion For The Procurement Of A Literature Chemist.

1.   While industrial experience cannot be construed as government experience, I believe that the research goals of the two organizations are the same: full value for each research dollar spent. Therefore, I would like to make the following recommendation:

I propose the procurement in the Life Science Division of the services of one or more experienced literature chemists, scientists who are cognizant of chemical structure and biological activity and who are up-to-date in these areas. Thus, the chemist would not only be able to review the literature but to interpret it. The value of literature chemists to the Life Sciences Division would be as follows:

Upon the receipt of a requirement and before initial contact is made with the contractor, the problem would be defined both in objectives and scope. The literature chemist would then be thoroughly briefed and all possible ramifications outlined.

2.   At this point, it becomes obvious why it is necessary to employ an experienced chemist rather than the services of a librarian. While searching literature, an experienced professional can spot any innuendoes and connect and interpret them. This would be impossible for a librarian to do. The net outcome that the literature search may result in the finished project or at least reduce the amount of research by one half. I firmly believe that no project should be undertaken without this initial groundwork.

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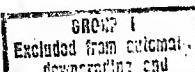
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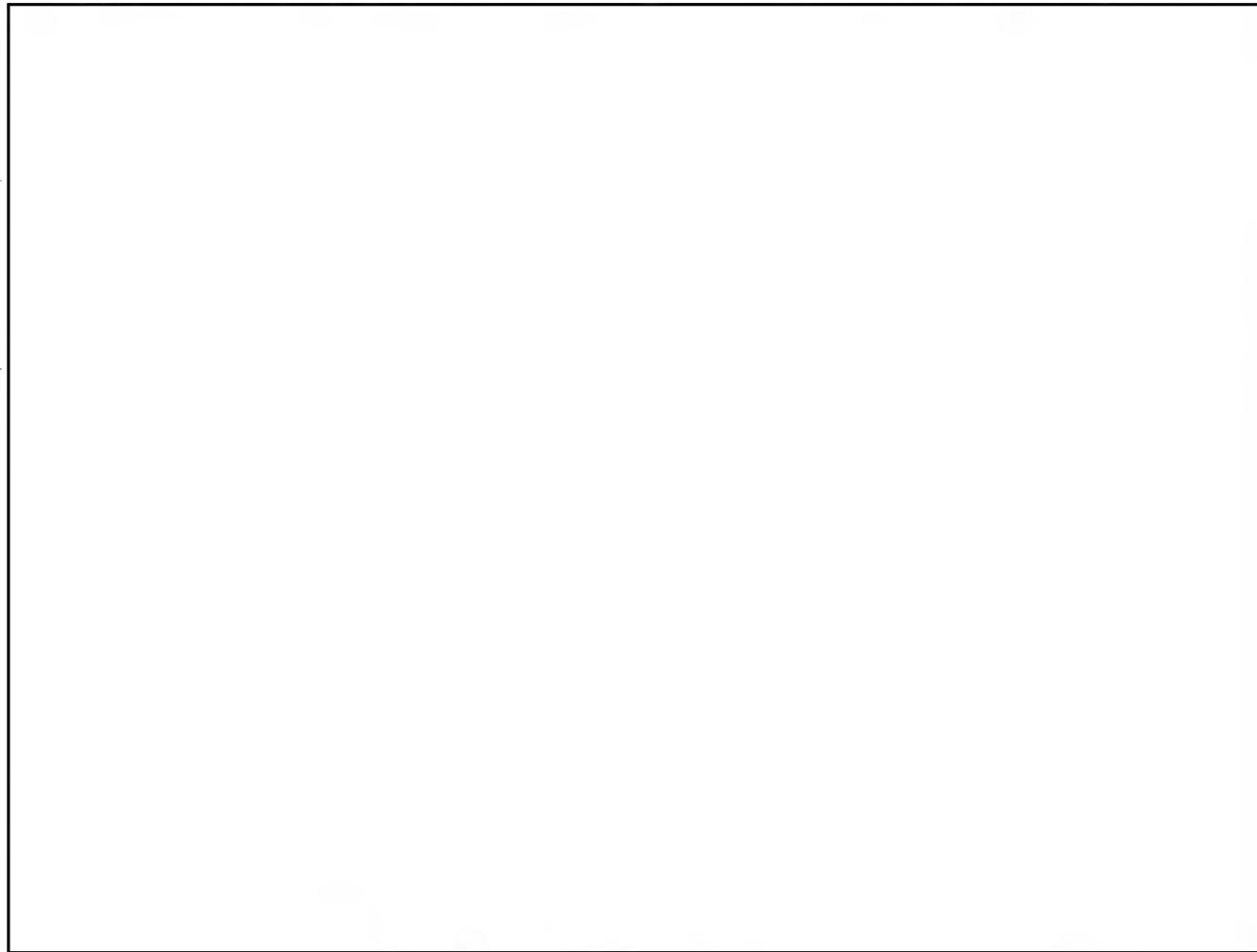
        6.   I am not suggesting that we hire [   ] but I am
suggesting we employ the services of a literature chemist, preferably
a Ph.D. with experience in the drug industry.

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